

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Consumer Protection and Safety Division  
Rail Transit Safety Section

Resolution ST-64  
October 2, 2003

**R E S O L U T I O N**

RESOLUTION ST-64 GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE BAY  
AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT'S SAFETY CERTIFICATION  
PLAN FOR THE OAKLAND AIRPORT CONNECTOR.

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**SUMMARY**

This resolution grants the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District's (BART) request for approval of its Safety Certification Plan (SCP) for the Oakland Airport Connector.

**BACKGROUND**

General Order 164-C, Rules and Regulations Governing State Safety Oversight of Rail Fixed Guideway Systems, requires Rail Fixed Guideway System to prepare a project specific SCP for each of its major projects and ensure that all entities involved in design, construction, operation, and maintenance of these projects shall comply with the requirements of the SCP. The SCP ensures that elements critical to the safety are planned, designed, constructed, analyzed, tested, inspected, implemented, training provided and rules and procedures followed.

On June 26, 2003, BART submitted a SCP for the Oakland Airport Connector (OAC) to the CPUC staff for review and for approval by the Commission. The proposed system will provide passenger service from the BART system at the Coliseum Station to the Oakland Airport by an automated people mover system, replacing the current Bus system.

**NOTICES**

Notice of the filing was made in the CPUC Daily Calendar, August 4, 2003.

**PROTESTS**

No protests were received.

**DISCUSSION**

This is the first SCP filed under General Order 164-C. BART worked with Commission staff to ensure the plan is comprehensive. Staff reviewed the SCP and found it in accordance with General Order 164-C.

**COMMENTS**

This is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested. Therefore, pursuant to PU Code section 311 (g) (2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

**FINDINGS**

1. General Order 164-C requires all Rail Fixed Guideway Systems to submit a Safety Certification Plan for all major projects.
2. BART, by letter dated June 26, 2003, requested Commission approval of its Safety Certification Plan for the Oakland Airport Connector.
3. Staff reviewed BART's Safety Certification Plan for the Oakland Airport Connector and determined that the plan meets the requirements contained in General Order No. 164-C.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. BART's request for approval of its Safety Certification Plan is granted.
2. This resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution be adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on October 2, 2003. The following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

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WILLIAM AHERN  
Executive Director

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY  
President  
CARL W. WOOD  
LORETTA M. LYNCH  
GEOFFREY F. BROWN  
Commissioners

Commissioner Susan P. Kennedy, being necessarily absent, did not participate.